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- 1. Location: About 3,300 feet west of the Prebuz/Fruehbus (H 51/K40) church.
- 2. Installations: One pithead frame, one shaft 430 feet deep. Levels at depths of 100, 200, and 300 feet.
- 3. Work force: 50 PWs and 90 regular workmen. This work force was reduced and transferred to other mines after early 1948.
- 4. After blasting, the ores were picked by hand, loaded into special small cars, and removed. Up to two hundredweights of crude ores may have been produced per shift. There was no conveyor belt at the Prebuz Mine for sorting the dump.
- 5. It had not yet been decided in January 1949 whether uranium mining should be continued. Various Soviet committees had inspected the mine and its surroundings.

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Comment:

The slight productivity of the Fruehbus Mine led to suspension of mining operations on level No 120 in March 1948. Only one shift is working in the mine, and the labor force has steadily decreased since 1946.

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